

of the Rangers referred to in Section (b) may deem advisable to assist them in enforcing the laws in the event of any emergency.

(d) That the Governor order to Galveston such number of rangers or special rangers as the Ranger Captain referred to in Subdivision (b) may deem advisable to act in co-operation with the citizens' committee and the police force and board of commissioners of said city in suppressing any disorder that may arise and in the enforcement of the laws and order in the city; the committee of citizens above named, exclusive of the members of the board of commissioners, are to continue as a committee in an advisory capacity to this end, and also for the purpose of endeavoring to bring about a more amicable understanding between employers and employees in the city of Galveston, and to that end, it is requested that the Governor lend his aid and influence.

(f) The plans herein detailed shall be operated so long as a necessity for same shall exist, the necessity to be determined by all parties hereto.

We believe that the adoption of this plan insuring co-operation between the Governor, the citizenship, and the board of commissioners, as suggested herein will result in the continued uninterrupted flow of traffic through the port of Galveston, and to that end the Governor may have the full assurance of our support.

At a full meeting of the committee of citizens mentioned in the foregoing port held on the 16th day of September, 1920, the report was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
JACOB SINGER,
Chairman.
J. M. MAURER,
Secretary.

Accepted and ordered approved by the Citizens' Committee at a meeting held on this the 18th day of September, A. D. 1920.

By JACOB SINGER,
Chairman, Citizens' Committee.
Attest:

J. W. MAURER,
Secretary Citizens' Committee.

Adopted and ordered approved by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Galveston at a special meeting held in accordance with the provisions of the charter of said city,

this the 18th day of September, A. A. 1920.

By H. O. SAPPINGTON,
Mayor of the City of Galveston.

(Seal)
Attest:

JNO. D. KELLEY,
City Secretary.

Accepted and approved this the 17th day of September, A. D. 1920.

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

(Seal)

By the Governor

C. D. MIMS,
Secretary of State.

THIRD DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas.

Thursday, September 23, 1920.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. A. Johnson.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Alderdice.	Gibson.
Bailey.	Hall.
Bledsoe.	Hertzberg.
Buchanan of Bell.	McNealus.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Rector.
Cousins.	Smith.
Dayton.	Strickland.
Dean.	Williford.
Dorough.	Witt.
Dudley.	Woods.
Faust.	

Absent.

Caldwell.	Page.
Clark.	

Absent—Excused.

Carlock.	Parr.
Davidson.	Suiter.
Floyd.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	

Prayer by Rev. C. S. Wright, of Austin.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Faust.

Senators Excused.

Senators Davidson, Hopkins, and Suiter were excused indefinitely on account of important business.

Petitions and Memorials.

See Appendix.

Committee Reports.

See Appendix.

Recess.

The Senate at 10:20 a. m., on the motion of Senator Woods, recessed until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Session.

The Senate was called to order at 2 o'clock p. m. pursuant to recess.

Senator Clark Excused.

Senator Clark was excused for today and until next Tuesday on account of illness.

Simple Resolution No. 5.

Senator McNealus received unanimous consent to send up the following simple resolution:

Whereas, on this day, September 23, 1920, the bodies of two American soldiers from Travis County, namely, First Lieutenant Emanuel Melaskey and Private Frank Carrion, who made the supreme sacrifice on foreign battlefields in defense of their country and its flag, have been consigned to their last resting places with the military funeral honors of the American Army; and

Whereas, these honored dead were each cited for bravery in action; and

Whereas, many other soldiers from Texas who responded to their country's call made the same supreme sacrifice; therefore, be it

Resolved, That when the Senate of Texas adjourns today it be in honor to the memory of Emanuel Melaskey, Frank Carrion and all other soldiers from Texas who gave up their lives in the recent war between the United States and Germany and the allied powers with Germany.

CALDWELL,
WITT,
McNEALUS.

The resolution was read and adopted.

On the motion of Senator Witt, a page in the Journal was set aside for this memorial resolution.

See Appendix.

Pages and Porters.

The Lieutenant Governor an-

nounced the appointment of the following pages and porters:

Pages: Joe Erwin, Edwin Gray, Oliver Hyslop, Marvin Turner, Cecil Cabiness, Hugh Jewett.

Porters: Jack Blocker, Jim Banks, Claud Graham, Willie Green, Tom Clark.

Wages of Porters.

On the motion of Senator McNealus in absence of Senator Page, the wages of the porters were increased one dollar per day.

Message from the Governor.

Miss Houghton, a messenger from the Governor, presented herself at the bar of the Senate with the following executive message:

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, September 23, 1920.
To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in
Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: The Attorney General of the State, whose duty it is to enforce the anti-trust laws and protect the citizenship against monopolies and monopolistic combinations, has submitted for my consideration facts and figures and conditions that exist relating to the present market situation of cotton seed, and the products therefrom in the State of Texas. From an examination of the figures submitted by him, I was impressed by the fact that an extraordinary condition existed at this time, and one which should challenge the attention of the Legislature.

I, at once, directed a letter to the Marketing and Warehouse Department of the State, asking for information relating to the causes for the present low price of cotton seed. I received from that department information which confirmed fully the report made by the Attorney General, and the matter is of such vast importance to the welfare of the State of Texas, that I respectfully direct your attention to the subject of passing legislation which will have the effect of preventing the control of the cotton seed mills of the State by the packing industry, and likewise, legislation which will prevent the ownership and control of the gins of this State by the oil mills and the packing industries.

For your information, I transmit to

you herewith the letter directed to me by the Marketing and Warehouse Department, signed by Honorable D. A. Gregg, and the facts and figures compiled by the Attorney General's Department are available in that department for the inspection of your members.

The Attorney General's Department is now preparing two bills, the effect of which will make impossible the illegal combinations now existing. When completed, these bills will be at the disposal of your honorable body.

I trust you will carefully consider these bills in connection with the evils complained of, and after adding to them such amendments or suggestions as your wisdom may dictate, I trust you will enact them into law.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Markets and Warehouse Department.
Austin, Texas, September 13, 1920.

Personal.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Governor: Complying with your request of this morning, with reference to certain facts connected with the price of cotton seed at this time, and the depreciation in the price paid to the farmers last year, I desire to say that the prevailing price at this time last year paid by the mills for cotton seed ranged from \$70.00 to \$85.00 per ton, as compared with the price of \$20.00 to \$26.00 paid at this time, showing a depreciation in price of more than three hundred per cent.

The price of oil last year, at this date, for prime crude, ranged from 23 cents to 26 cents per pound, while it is quoted today for 13½ cents per pound.

The price of cotton seed meal last year ranged from \$57.00 to \$62.00 per ton, at that time, while this year cotton seed meal is priced at \$52.00 F. O. B. mills.

I do not believe there is any question but what the profits are entirely too large, as calculated at this time, in the cotton seed oil business. There is in every ton of seed 270 lbs. of oil: 950 lbs. of meal, 600 lbs. of hulls and 70 lbs. of linters. This makes a total of 1890 lbs. of products received from each ton of seed. The remainder is waste.

270 lbs. of oil at 13 1-2 cents
per pound.....\$36.45

960 lbs. of meal at \$52.00 per
ton 32.40
600 lbs. of hulls at \$6.00 per
ton 1.80
70 lbs. of linters at 1 cent per
pound70

Total.....\$71.35

This is the gross amount received on today's market for the products of a ton of seed, for which they are paying \$22.00 to \$26.00. Deduct from the \$71.35 the following:

\$22.00 per ton for working cost
3.00 per ton for profit

\$46.35 per ton, that the farmer is entitled to on today's market for his cotton seed, yet he is only receiving on the Austin market \$24.00 to \$26.00 per ton, and I understand that this price is uniform throughout the State.

The cotton seed oil industry is rapidly drifting into the hands of the packing industry, known among the independent millers as The Trust. In the State of Mississippi there were formerly seventy-six mills owned independently by the citizens of the various communities in which the mills were situated. These mills were starved out and forced into bankruptcy until today of the seventy-six mills only seventeen remain. These are all owned or controlled by the Trust. What is true of Mississippi is likewise true of Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina and is largely true of Louisiana. Texas is coming under the ban of this gigantic combination of capital.

The independent millers today in Texas are as dependent as a child upon its parents. Should an independent mill engage in business and pursue tactics not approved of by the trust, they find no outlet whatever for their products. The result is that they are forced under the domination of the so-called trust.

The Trust is not satisfied with the complete domination of the oil mills, but in order to fasten its hold more firmly on the industry they are engaging in the ginning business. A large percentage of the gins of the State, if not a great majority of the entire forty-five hundred, are now owned and operated by the oil mills, and most of the gins so owned and operated are operated by the trust. Perhaps it is not amiss to call your attention to the fact that there is one organization in Texas that owns and

operates sixty-two of the largest ginning plants that there are in the State, under one name, to-wit, The Planters Gin Company. The address of the Planters Gin Company is P. O. Box 98, N. Ft. Worth. I am informed that this is Swift and Company. How many more gins they own under different names I am unable to say.

The West Texas Gin Company, which I understand is another packer organization, owns and operates eighteen gins in one locality. The Western Gin Company, another organization, owns eleven gins in another locality. Another organization situated in Dallas, that I understand is connected with the Trust, owns and operates twenty-seven gins in the immediate vicinity of Dallas.

I might go on ad infinitum and name numerous ginning organizations, but do not deem it necessary in this instance. That there is need of immediate legislation to relieve the conditions now existing is beyond question. Permit me to suggest that the State Ginners Law should be so amended as to require each and every ginner, in making his application for a permit to do business, execute an anti-trust affidavit, which affidavit should be drawn by the Attorney General, under the provisions of the Anti-trust law. The cotton oil mills of Texas should be required to take out an annual permit to do business in Texas on or before July 1st of each and every year, and execute an anti-trust affidavit prescribed by the Attorney General. In addition to the anti-trust affidavit, they should be required to file a sworn list of all stockholders of record; this list to be entirely privileged, and subject only to the inspection of the Attorney General of Texas and such officer as has the licensing of cotton oil mills, and the enforcement of the law.

This seems to be the only remedy occurring to my mind at this time that will immediately relieve the independent millers of Texas from threatened destruction at the hands of the trust, which is dominated by the packing industry. I shall be only too glad to confer with you further, at your pleasure, with reference to this matter.

Assuring you of my profound regard,
I am,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) D. A. GREGG,
Chief Clerk.

Assistant Enrolling Clerk Elected.

On the motion of Senator Smith, Mrs. J. T. Batson was elected Assistant Enrolling Clerk.

Mrs. Batson was administered the oath of office by Lieutenant Governor Johnson.

Bills Signed.

After their captions had been read, the Chair signed in the presence of the Senate the following bills:

H. B. No. 1, H. B. No. 2.

Simple Resolution No. 6.

Senator Strickland received unanimous consent to send up the following resolution:

Whereas, The commercial clubs of San Antonio and other Texas cities have passed resolutions requesting our Federal Government to recognize the Provisional Government of Mexico.

Whereas, Conditions are now better in Mexico than at any time since the rule of President Diaz, and the lives and property rights of foreigners are being protected.

Whereas, The business men of Mexico have accepted the invitation to place an exhibit at the State Fair at Dallas, and we are informed that no expense is being spared in order to show the great resources of our sister Republic; and

Whereas, The Dallas News of September 23rd reports that Mexico's two most distinguished citizens and statesmen will visit the Dallas Fair, on or about October the 8th; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of Texas invite President De La Huerta and General Obregon, members of their Cabinet, and the Governors of the various Mexican states to visit the Dallas Fair so that we may get better acquainted in a personal and commercial way. Be it further

Resolved, That we suggest to the Federal Government of the United States the advisability of recognizing the present Mexican Government and that the trade relations between the two countries be fostered.

STRICKLAND.
DUDLEY.
McNEALUS.
HERTZBERG.

The resolution was read.

In Memory
of
Emanuel Melaskey
and
Frank Carrion

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Whereas, many other soldiers from Texas who responded to their country's call made the same supreme sacrifice; therefore, be it

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CALDWELL, WITT, McNEALUS.

The resolution was read and adopted.

On the motion of Senator Witt, a page in the Journal was set aside for this memorial resolution.

Senator Witt sent up the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend Resolution No. 6 by adding after the words of "invitation to Dallas Fair" the words "and Texas Cotton Palace at Waco."

WITT.

SMITH.

The amendment was read and adopted.

On the motion of Senator Dean, the resolution as amended was sent to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Adjournment.

On the motion of Senator Dean, the Senate at 2:55 p. m. stood adjourned until Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

APPENDIX

Petitions.

Senator McNealus sent up several petitions opposing the proposed shipping legislation which were referred to the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

Committee Report.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 22, 1920.

Hon. W. A. Johnson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence to which was referred Senate Bill No. 9, A Bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing cities of One Hundred Thousand population, or more, situated along or upon navigable streams in the State of Texas and owning and operating municipal wharves, docks or warehouses, for the development of commerce, to appoint Pilot Boards for their respective cities, and granting such cities exclusive jurisdiction over the pilotage of boats between the Gulf of Mexico and their respective ports; prescribing the qualifications of such Pilot Boards; granting such City Councils or Boards of Commissioners the right, power and authority to retain in office, or remove any Branch or Deputy Pilots in office at the time this Act takes effect, and to appoint, suspend or remove from office any and all Branch or Deputy

Pilots, prohibiting any member of such Pilot Boards from being directly or indirectly interested in the towing business, or in any pilot boat, or in any other business directly or indirectly affected by, or connected with his duties as such Commissioner of Pilots, granting such cities the right, power and authority to fix rates of pilotage and all needful regulations thereof compatible with the Federal regulations within the limits of their respective ports, and declaring an emergency; has had said bill under consideration, and I am directed by said committee to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

DEAN, Chairman.

FOURTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Friday, Sept. 24, 1920.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. A. Johnson.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Alderdice.	Gibson.
Bailey.	Hall.
Bledsoe.	Hertzberg.
Buchanan of Bell.	McNealus.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Page.
Caldwell.	Rector.
Dayton.	Smith.
Dean.	Strickland.
Dorough.	Williford.
Dudley.	Witt.
Faust.	Woods.

Absent.

Cousins.

Absent—Excused.

Carlock.	Hopkins.
Clark.	Parr.
Davidson.	Suiter.
Floyd.	Westbrook.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. S. H. Morgan.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Faust.

Petitions and Memorials.

See Appendix.